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For: METHOD OF CORRECTING SHAPE OF GREEN TIRE AND  
APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT THE SAME (as amended)

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 AND 1.98**

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